5   receiving an incoming call signal on said network

6 interface;

7   processing said incoming call signal in said demon

8 conference component to detect an intended recipient application

9 using a listen string, said listen string containing an

10 application signature, an application signal type and an

11 application signal port; and

12   launching said intended recipient application using said

13 application signature.

1 2.   (Unchanged)   The method of claim 1, wherein said step of

2 processing said incoming call signal comprises the steps of:

3   parsing said incoming call signal to determine a signal

4 type and a signal port; and

5   determining said intended recipient application based on

6 said signal type and said signal port.

1 3.   (Unchanged)   The method of claim 1, wherein said step of

2 launching said intended recipient application comprises the steps

3 of:

4   determining said intended recipient application based on

5 a signal type and a signal port;

6   locating said intended recipient application using said

7 application signature; and

8   signaling a process manager to launch said intended

9   recipient application.

1   4.   (Unchanged)   The method of claim 1, wherein said step of

2   launching said call director unit to set up said demon conference

3   component includes the steps of:

4   loading a call processing module into said memory; and

5   initializing said call processing module to process

6   calls using said network interface.

1   5.   (Unchanged)   The method of claim 4, wherein said step of

2   loading said call processing module into said memory comprises the

3   steps of:

4   loading a call directing component;

5   loading a first conference component;

6   loading a first transport component; and

7   loading a first network component.

1   6.   (Unchanged)   The method of claim 5, wherein said step of

2   initializing said call processing module comprises the steps of:

3   initializing said first network component to operate

4   with said network interface;

5   initializing said call directing component to monitor

6   for said incoming call signal;

7   initializing said first transport component to receive

8   said incoming call signal; and

9   initializing said first conference component to transfer

10   said incoming call signal.

1   7.   (Unchanged)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the

2   steps of:

3   receiving an initialization message from said intended

4   recipient application; and

5   removing said intended recipient application from an

6   internal list if said initialization message does not correspond

7   to an expected message.

1   8.   (Amended)   In a computer system having a memory, a

2   processor, and a network interface, an apparatus comprising:

3   a call directing module;

4   a process manager coupled to said call directing module;

5   and,

6   a conferencing component coupled to said network

7   interface and said call directing module;

8   where said conferencing component is configured by said

9   call directory module to notify said call directing module upon

10   receipt of an incoming call and causing said call director to

11   signal said process manager to activate a conferencing application

12   based on a listen string, said listen string containing [and] an

13   application signature, an application signal type, and an

14   application signal port.

1   9.   (Amended) An apparatus comprising:

2   a processor;

3   a memory coupled to said processor;

4   a network interface coupled to said processor;

5   said memory configured to cause said processor to:

6   receiving an incoming call signal on said network

7   interface;

8   processing said incoming call signal to detect an

9   intended recipient application using a listen string, said

10   listen string containing an application signature, an

11   application signal type and an application signal port; and

12   launching a conferencing application using said

13   application signature.

1   10.   (Amended) In a computer system having a memory, a processor,

2   and a network interface, an apparatus comprising:

3   means for launching a call director unit to set up a

4   demon conference component in said memory;

5   means for receiving an incoming call signal on said

6   network interface;

7   means for processing said incoming call signal in said

8 demon conference component to detect an intended recipient

9 application using a listen string, said listen string containing

10 an application signature, an application signal type and an

11 application signal port; and

12   means for launching said intended recipient application

13 using said application signature.

1   11.   (Unchanged)   The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said means

2 for processing said incoming call signal comprises:

3   means for parsing said incoming call signal to determine

4 a signal type and a signal port; and

5   means for determining said intended recipient

6 application based on said signal type and said signal port.

1   12.   (Unchanged)   The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said means

2 for launching said intended recipient application comprises:

3   means for determining said intended recipient

4 application based on a signal type and a signal port;

5   means for locating said intended recipient application

6 using said application signature; and

7   means for signaling a process manager to launch said

8 intended recipient application.

1   13.   (Unchanged)   The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising:

2   means for loading a call processing module into said

3 memory; and

4   means for initializing said call processing module to

5 process calls using said network interface.

1 14.   (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said means

2 for loading said call processing module into said memory

3 comprises:

4   means for loading a call directing component;

5   means for loading a first conference component;

6   means for loading a first transport component; and

7   means for loading a first network component.

1 15.   (Unchanged) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein said means

2 for initializing said call processing module comprises:

3   means for initializing said first network component to

4 operate with said network interface;

5   means for initializing said call directing component to

6 monitor for said incoming call signal;

7   means for initializing said first transport component to

8 receive said incoming call signal; and

9   means for initializing said first conference component

10 to transfer said incoming call signal.

1 16.   (Amended) The [method] <u>apparatus</u> of claim 10, further

2 comprising:

3   means for receiving an initialization message from said

4 intended recipient application; and

5   means for removing said intended recipient application

6   from an internal list if said initialization message does not

7   correspond to an expected message.

1   17.   (Amended) An article comprising a computer readable medium

2   having instructions stored thereon, which when executed, causes:

3   launching a call director unit to set up a demon

4   conference component in a memory;

5   receiving an incoming call signal on a network

6   interface;

7   processing said incoming call signal in said demon

8   conference component to detect an intended recipient application

9   using a listen string, said listen string containing an

10 application signature, an application signal type and an

11 application signal port; and

12   launching said intended recipient application using said

13 application signature.

1   18.   (Unchanged) The article of claim 17, wherein the computer

2   readable medium further having instructions stored thereon, which

3   when executed, causes:

4   parsing said incoming call signal to determine a signal

5   type and a signal port; and

6   determining said intended recipient application based on

7   said signal type and said signal port.

1   19.   (Unchanged)   The article of claim 17, wherein the computer

2 readable medium further having instructions stored thereon, which

3 when executed, causes:

4   determining said intended recipient application based on

5 a signal type and a signal port;

6   locating said intended recipient application using said

7 application signature; and

8   signaling a process manager to launch said intended

9 recipient application.

1   20.   (Unchanged)   The article of claim 17, wherein the computer

2 readable medium further having instructions stored thereon, which

3 when executed, causes:

4   loading a call processing module into said memory; and

5   initializing said call processing module to process

6 calls using said network interface.

1   21.   (Unchanged)   The article of claim 20, wherein the computer

2 readable medium further having instructions stored thereon, which

3 when executed, causes:

4   loading a call directing component;

5   loading a first conference component;

6   loading a first transport component; and

7   loading a first network component.

1 22. (Unchanged) The article of claim 21, wherein the computer

2 readable medium further having instructions stored thereon, which

3 when executed, causes:

4   initializing said first network component to operate

5 with said network interface;

6   initializing said call directing component to monitor

7 for said incoming call signal;

8   initializing said first transport component to receive

9 said incoming call signal; and

10   initializing said first conference component to transfer

11 said incoming call signal.

1 23. (Amended) The [method] _article_ of claim 17, wherein the

2 computer readable medium further having instructions stored

3 thereon, which when executed, causes:

4   receiving an initialization message from said intended

5 recipient application; and

6   removing said intended recipient application from an

7 internal list if said initialization message does not correspond

8 to an expected message.